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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
US House of Representatives
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
US House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Boehner
Minority Leader
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madame Speaker, Majority Leader Hoyer, and Minority
Leader Boehner:


The Business Software Alliance (BSA)* strongly supports H.R. 1908,
the Patent Reform Act of 2007, and urges its passage by the US
House of Representatives.

After years of public hearings, studies and debate, the House
Judiciary Committee reported H.R. 1908 out of committee by voice
vote on July 18. We applaud the leadership of Chairman John
Conyers, Ranking Member Lamar Smith, and Representatives
Howard Berman and Howard Coble, Chairman and Ranking
Member of the Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and
Intellectual Property, for working in a strong, bipartisan fashion
and being fair and respectful to all stakeholders involved in the
debate.

The Patent Reform Act will ensure America remains a leader in
global innovation by updating US patent law for the modern
realities of rapid technological innovation and rising global
competition. The legislation includes provisions to improve patent
quality; ensure equitable and fair remedies for patent
infringement; give the US Patent and Trademark Office greater
resources to process a growing number of complex patent
applications; and harmonize the American system with those of
other major patent-granting nations.

BSA has been a long time advocate for patent reform. Most recently in June of this year, 22 of our CEOs wrote to urge you to bring this legislation to the floor for a vote. The time is now for this important legislation. Please support H.R. 1908, the Patent Reform Act of 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Holleyman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "R" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Robert W. Holleyman, II
President and CEO

Cc: Members of the US House of Representatives

*The Business Software Alliance (www.bsa.org) is the foremost organization dedicated to promoting a safe and legal digital world. BSA is the voice of the world's commercial software industry and its hardware partners before governments and in the international marketplace. Its members represent one of the fastest growing industries in the world. BSA programs foster technology innovation through education and policy initiatives that promote copyright protection, cyber security, trade and e-commerce. BSA members include Adobe, Apple, Autodesk, Avid, Bentley Systems, Borland, CA, Cadence Design Systems, Cisco Systems, CNC Software/Mastercam, Dell, EMC, Entrust, HP, IBM, Intel, McAfee, Microsoft, Monotype Imaging, PTC, SAP, SolidWorks, Sybase, Symantec, Synopsys, The MathWorks, and UGS.